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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-608(a)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

(7) Payroll deductions, but only for employee benefits available through or as a result of employment by the LEA itself or charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations that are 501(c)(3) organizations exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(a), as an organization described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-608(b)(6), is amended by deleting the words "for political activities" and substituting instead the words "of dues for professional employees' organizations or for political activities".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Payroll deductions, whether resulting from collaborative conferencing by an LEA and a professional employees' organization or initiated by an LEA of its own accord. shall be limited to deductions for employee benefits available through or as a result of employment by the LEA itself or charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations that are 501(c)(3) organizations exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(a), as an organization described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

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(b) Any payroll deduction for dues of professional employees' organizations resulting from a memorandum of understanding entered into under title 49, chapter 5, part 6, prior to the effective date of this act shall remain in effect until the expiration of the memorandum of understanding. Any provision of a memorandum of understanding concerning deduction of dues of a professional employees' organization entered into under title 49, chapter 5, part 6, prior to the effective date of this act shall not be renewed after the effective date of this act. On or after the effective date of this act, no memorandum of understanding under title 49, chapter 5, part 6, shall be entered into if it includes provisions for payroll deductions other than those permitted under § 49-5-608(a)(7).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204(a)(5), is amended by adding the word "higher" between the word "professional" and the word "education" wherever they appear.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 6. If payroll deduction for dues of a professional education association is occurring at a state special school on the effective date of this act, then no payroll deduction of dues shall occur after the next date on which the association is to offer proof of continued membership under § 8-23-204(a)(6)(D), as it existed prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

"Employee benefits available through or as a result of employment by the LEA itself" means a benefit, including, but not limited to, optional life insurance, dental insurance, long-term care insurance, payroll deductions for savings plans or loan payments at banks, credit unions, and other lending institutions, and other arrangements whereby the LEA confers a benefit on some or all of its employees by providing an easy, convenient, and efficient means for payment of the service or obligation through payroll deduction. "Employee benefits available through or as a result of employment by the LEA itself" does not include payroll deductions for dues of professional employees' organizations.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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